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THE MESSENGER'S STORY.

THE MYSTERY OF the Victoria alley murder, of which Daniel Ryan, miner, was the victim, has been cleared. Two negroes, vile beyond description, but no viler than their vile sisters, nor, indeed, than the men who encourage and abet their fearful depravity by associating with them, are under arrest. One of them gave Ryan the poison that killed him, but both are equally guilty, for the murder was the outgrowth of a plot to rob the miner. No maudlin sentiment should save them from the punishment that is their due.

In the published details of this story of debauchery and death, none stands out more sharply shocking than the contribution of the messenger boy, Charles Flandera, an employee of that great corporation, the Western Union Telegraph company. Quite as though it were a matter of ordinary routine, and to Flandera it was a matter of routine—he told of being summoned to the infamous "crib" in Victoria alley. He saw the principals to the tragedy, the negroes and their victim.

One of the women sent him for coal and tobacco. When he returned with the tobacco she gave him 10 cents and told him to buy morphine with it and bring the drug back to her. "She told me to make a short cut," said Flandera, "and I went through the G. & C. saloon." Very matter of fact, this boy's story, isn't it? It doesn't seem to have occurred to him or to his employers who sent him that he was familiarizing himself with crime in its most frightful form. He bought the poison, gave it to the woman who had sent for it, collected his pay from the poor dupe and then went back to the Western Union office to await another call.

Just an incident in the life of a messenger boy; just another step in the descent to hell. Apparently it was nothing unusual for Flandera to be summoned to Victoria alley, confessedly a loathsome and crime-breeding sinkhole. If we may judge by his nonchalance in the matter of recital, it is an every-night affair. And other messenger boys are sent on familiar errands, and I went through the G. & C. saloon. Very matter of fact, this boy's story, isn't it? It doesn't seem to have occurred to him or to his employers who sent him that he was familiarizing himself with crime in its most frightful form. He bought the poison, gave it to the woman who had sent for it, collected his pay from the poor dupe and then went back to the Western Union office to await another call.

Isn't it about time the law's strong arm was interposed to prevent corporations from damning and blackening boys' souls, or inviting such a contingency, for the sake of a few cents? The employers of messenger boys can refuse, if they will, to answer calls to such places as Victoria alley. They can, if they will, exercise such a censorship over their business as will suit in keeping the boys clean. With this lesson before them, will they have the courage to forego a few dollars of profit to the end that the boys may be saved?

THE OPERATOR'S DEFENSE.

THE COAL OPERATORS have opened their case, we might truthfully call it their defense—before the arbitration commission. It is well within the bounds of accuracy to say that the first testimony for the operators has not helped their cause. The wage statement of the father of a little girl, who testified that she was compelled to work all night in a silk mill to help support the family, was submitted by an attorney for the mine owners.

On the face of it it showed that this man had received \$1,000 for his year's work. As an ex parte piece of figuring it was a most adroit bit of business, but before he finished with that statement and the man who prepared it, Attorney Darrow for the miners fairly filled it full of holes. Out of the mouth of an operators' witness he showed that the \$1,000 alleged to have been paid to the father of the girl witness was divided among four men.

Then it developed, through the statement of a general mine manager, that often two, three, four and six men are at work under one name. That is, one man draws the money for all. Under such conditions it will be easy enough for the operators to show a fairly handsome average yearly wage for their employees, but it must be remembered that they are attempting to mislead the commission into the belief that all miners get specified sums that are actually divided among two, three or more. Still, an examination of the books would probably verify the statement of the operators, for they would show only one name where they should show several.

A point gained by the operators was the sustaining by the commission of the employers' contention that they had a right to show, if possible, that many acts of violence were committed during the strike by union men. Attorneys for the union objected to the introduction of testimony along this line on the ground that the union is not an issue before the commission. Still, in view of the fact that when the miners' case was presented evidence was admitted tending to show that the union did not countenance or encourage violence, the commission thought it proper to hear the other side.

The justice of the decision will hardly be questioned, but it is difficult to see just what bearing it has on the

real issues. The question which must be decided is as to whether or not the miners are entitled to better pay and shorter hours, and evidence on other points is purely collateral in character. The Herald does not believe the operators will be able to overturn the case made out by the miners, although they will make a strenuous effort to do so. Nevertheless, it will be well for the attorneys for the latter to maintain their watchful attitude, for during the further proceedings of the commission much will depend on their work.

TROUBLES OF THE RICH.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE Herald is extended at this season to a class made up of Salt Laker who ordinarily don't need any sympathy. We refer to the men and women who can draw their checks for thousands—and cash them, too. Such people cannot enter with real zest and spirit into the Christmas festivities. Yes, we know they think they enjoy themselves but they don't really know a thing about Christmas enjoyment.

They don't have to stop and figure out how much they can spend; they already have all the good things that money can buy, so there is little pleasure for them in receiving presents. The men and women who get the most out of Christmas are those who debate for weeks beforehand how far they can make a five-dollar gold piece go.

Why there he enough to buy Johnny the sled he has asked Santa Claus to bring him and still provide enough for Kate and the baby? Can the little mother save out enough pennies for her allowance to buy a pair of slippers for the head of the house? Is the father equal to the task of denying himself tobacco or car fare long enough to lay by a dollar or two for some little remembrance for the hard working wife?

Haven't you seen them in the stores about this time of the year? Often there is a wistful look on the face of the woman in the rusty dress as she sees her handsomely dressed sisters making glad the hearts of the storekeepers, but, God bless her, she goes bravely on and somehow she and the husband and the children have a happy Christmas just the same. The man who stands squeezing the handful of silver in his pocket wishes it was gold, but the joy he extracts from the sacrifices he has made is a possession few rich men can own.

The happiest children in the world at Christmas are the children of the poor or the children of parents in moderate circumstances. They don't have a toy, a new game, a new book every day in the year. Their capacity for pleasure is not measured by the extensiveness of the presents they give and receive. They are as enthusiastically joyous over a ten-cent doll or a rubber ball as the unfortunate progeny of the rich are over a doll that knows the Century dictionary by heart or a real little railroad a mile long.

And now we come to our moral. Those who get the most enjoyment out of giving are those to whom every gift entails some sacrifice; those who most enjoy receiving are those who have the least. And there is where the rich man, if he wants to, can get into the Christmas game with all the weight of his wealth. Yet him try the experiment this year of spending his money to help those who need help.

For this once out the rich friends who already have or who can buy for themselves all they need or wish. Go out into the highways, into the little homes on the back streets and spread the Christmas spirit there. Begin today making out a list of those you know whose Christmas you can make brighter and you'll be surprised to find how long it is. You'll be surprised, too, when it is all over, to find how much you got out of Christmas, after all.

"A majority of one in the Colorado house can oust the dishonestly returned members from Denver and other districts as thoroughly as a hundred majority could," says the Salt Lake Tribune. Now see to what lengths partisanship can drive a newspaper. Already the Tribune has prejudged the Colorado case. It hasn't heard a line of evidence, it hasn't had a single statement from a reputable witness and yet it prates knowingly about "dishonesty" returned members from Denver and other districts. Bless us, what would the dear old Tribune say if the Democrats had a majority of one in the Colorado house, and talked about unseating a Republican delegation from Denver or anywhere else?

We had all better get busy with hammers and nails. Judge Gary, chairman of the steel trust, is due to arrive in Salt Lake Saturday. It isn't certain that Judge Gary will want anything in Salt Lake, but still it won't do any harm to nail down the tabernacle and the temple.

The Herald doesn't like to be pessimistic about Cornelius Vanderbilt, but we can't help feeling a bit uneasy when we note the number of doctors in attendance on him. He will be very lucky if he escapes from all of them.

A man who amassed a fortune of \$100,000 as a result of twenty years of industrious begging has just died in Canada. The chances are that he'll have to beg a lot more before St. Peter lets him through the pearly gates.

Distance certainly does make a difference. Thousands of Russians were killed in an earthquake on Wednesday and yet the catastrophe was given but scant space in American newspapers.

Professors Jeffries and Fitzsimmons are going to conduct a joint debate in Salt Lake before very long. A great many Salt Laker will doubtless have business at their offices that night.

The Masons of Salt Lake are going to build a home of their own. We don't know anybody better qualified to undertake such a work.

GOLD COIN ALLOY.

To The Salt Lake Herald:
Will you kindly tell me the alloys of the United States gold coin. Which is the most valuable, gold placer or ledge gold? Yours etc.,
Bingham, Dec. 15.

Answer: Nine hundred parts of pure metal and 100 of copper.
2: The value depends altogether on the fineness of the gold, whether placer or ledge.

Society

One of the most beautiful luncheons of the gay holiday season was that given yesterday afternoon at the commercial club, at which Mrs. Charles A. Walker was the hostess and Mrs. George Raymond Walker the guest of honor. The table was spread in the green dining room, and the decorations were exquisitely carried out in green and red. Large branches of holly hung from the chandelier, and a bed of holly with snowballs scattered throughout its length extended down the center of the long board. Heavy silver candelabra held green candles, and shades of the deep red added greatly to the color effect. Favors at each place were dainty baskets of bonbons, and the place cards were heavy white satin ribbons with the names of the guests. Covers were laid for thirty, those present to meet the bride being: Mrs. J. R. Walker, Mrs. E. S. Perry, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Channing, Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Clemon, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Eno, Mrs. Bascom, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Ridge, Mrs. Sheip, Mrs. Milner, Mrs. Chesman, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Filer, Miss Sadler, Miss Judge, Miss Derr, Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Lowe and Miss Harkness.

One of the most enjoyable events of the week was a birthday party given by Jack H. Marshall at the home of his uncle, Thomas S. Fowler, 749 South West Temple, last Monday evening. The occasion being his twentieth birthday. Supper was served by Mrs. Thomas S. Fowler, assisted by Lily Jay and Isabel Fowler. Among those present were the Misses Rose Jenkins, Ernie Nicols, Effie Nelson, Lizzie Nelson, Lizzie Davis, Eunetia Carr, Maude Danglefield, Dangerfield, Alice Crowbridge, Miss Bronker, Miss Chivell, Isabel Fowler, Nevada McPhie, Margaret Burridge and Lily Jay. The gentlemen were Ralph Sander, Joseph S. Fowler, Julius S. Lewis, Peter Morris, Charley Ackerman, Fred Austin, James Nelson, Robert McPhie, Fred Morgan, Mr. Rinsaw, Ted Reid, John Fowler, Frank Fowler, Willard Clayton and John Hoddow.

By one of those mistakes that sometimes happen, the name of Mr. Best as a soloist and of Miss Mary Olive Gray, whose work as accompanist was of such excellence at the musical given at the commercial club, were omitted from the published report. To those who were present Miss Gray's work was of such a nature as to command their admiration, both in her solo number, "Widmung," and in the work of accompanying the singers. Mr. Best surpassed himself, especially in his second number which was a dainty little poem of Steadman's set to music by Dudley Buck.

Mrs. H. V. Croft gave a very pleasant surprise party to Mr. Croft Wednesday evening, it being their wedding anniversary. Covers were laid for thirty, and the decorations were of white palms and carnations. Mrs. T. P. Rigney won first prize, while Mr. J. A. Lloyd won second. Mr. Croft was presented with a very handsome collection, price, Mrs. J. H. Sanborn furnished the music.

Mrs. Joseph Sanborn entertained at a very pleasant party Wednesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Dora Hagen, of California. The home on First West street was decorated with holly, and the guests were given a most enjoyable evening. About forty guests were present.

Mrs. D. C. McLaughlin gave an elegant dinner last Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. J. E. Bamberger and Mrs. Joseph Siegel of Butte, left yesterday at noon for New York, where they will spend the coming month.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will give a fair and cake sale tomorrow in the Knutsford building on Third South street.

At her regular at home yesterday afternoon, Miss Woodward had Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sharp receiving with her.

Miss Jane Mackintosh gives a pupils' recital this afternoon at her studio in the Constitution block.

Mrs. W. F. Beer will entertain at a large card party this afternoon at her home on B street.

Mrs. E. A. Wedgwood is spending the week in Provo as the guest of Mrs. Sam Schwab.

Mrs. Jack Rich of Brigham City is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Crismon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Filer will be at home after Christmas at 372 First street.

Mrs. D. C. McLaughlin entertained at a theatre party last evening.

Mrs. Ralph E. Hoag of Ogden spent yesterday in the city.

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Friday and Saturday Bargain News

Your Winter Wrap at Half Price

Every tan and mode color coat in the entire stock goes to make up this two days' sale. More of these two shades here than any other—there's the only reason for the reduction price. The smartest, newest of this winter's fashions are they—and you know, as does every woman, that on the character of the wrap depends the whole style-effect of right attire. There are Monte Carlos—the new coat coat of the present season—blouses, cloaks to the bottom of the skirt, three-quarter and hip-length jackets; coats with plaited backs, box backs, half fitted and tight backs. Surely a style to please any and every woman. Handsome cloths perfectly tailored, trimmed with silk, applique, embroidered, cords and plain. This is a hint worth your knowing, too—many of these self same styles are being shown for spring in separate coats and the street suit wrap. Dark and light tan and mode colors. Regular prices range,

\$16.75, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00 up to \$60.00. Friday and Saturday choose any at—HALF THESE PRICES.

Up to \$17.50 Women's Separate Skirts for—\$4.95.

Three groups in this choosing. A splendid lot of skirts made in the several new weaves of this winter with boucés, plaits, stitched seams or straps, handsome mixture effects, broadcloth, melton or Venetian cloth, gray color only. Sold regularly at \$7.50 up to \$10.00; some corduroy skirts up to \$17.50 and a few black taffeta silk with tucked boucés up to \$12.50 each. To clear away in two days, choice of any for—\$4.95.

The Waistings Sale—Silk Kinds and Wool. The Best of Christmas Gifts

Hundreds and hundreds have we sold for gift-giving alone, say nothing of those that were personal needs. Never was there a more fascinating array prepared for holiday choosing and certainly no more fitting time could there be to mark the price down when dollars are wanted to do double service. Friday and Saturday—

SOME OF THE HANDSOME WAISTING SILKS IN THE WHOLE STOCK, UP TO \$2.25 A YARD, ENTIRE PATTERN FOR—\$4.00.
BEAUTIFUL WOOL WAISTINGS UP TO \$1.25 A YARD, ENTIRE PATTERN, 3 YARDS—\$1.75.

The Black Silk Sale—25c up to 75c Taken off Every Yard.

Black silk bargains! And take it in the very best sense possible. Just think for a moment of the splendid advantage. The whole stock—one that can't be surpassed in all America so far as containing "best" that weavers of the world can give, larger quantity there may be, that's all—spread out for your selection to take away at a price which shears all the profit for us. Don't this make it worth while for you to think well on present or future black silk needs? Two days longer the sale lasts with these reductions—
25c UP TO 75c TAKEN OFF EVERY YARD.

Children's Coats at Half Price.

A goodly little lot of coats is this. Eiderdowns, corduroys and cloth, cosy and warm for winter, prettily trimmed with braid, satin folds or ribbon; white, navy blue and brown colors, sizes for 2 up to 5 years old. Priced regularly \$5.00, \$6.75 and \$7.50. Friday and Saturday—HALF THESE PRICES.

Women's Handkerchiefs and Ties Price Lessened.

Two lots of handkerchiefs that contain no end of pretty and attractive kinds. Lawn, daintily embroidered, hemstitched or with scalloped borders. Just the sort of a group to pick a half dozen lot of different kinds from, if you are to give so many. Friday and Saturday those that were 64c 84c and 10c each for—5c; the 20c each for—10c.

A splendid bargain heap has been formed of these: Scarfs and twice arounds in silk, lawn, net and chiffon, prettily embroidered, hemstitched or with open work, some all white or white with colored borders and others in all the different delicate shades. Formerly 65c to \$1.25 each. Friday and Saturday all one priced at—45c.

\$2.25 Smyrna Rugs—\$1.75.

Twenty-five only. No more desirable gift could there be than a rug. These are in the choice Oriental patterns and colorings, 30x60 inches. Friday and Saturday, if they last so long, instead of \$2.25 each—\$1.75.

Three hundred yards of choice double face denim and cretons, excellent for box seat or cushion covering. 36 inches wide, 15c and 20c a yard. Dresser scarfs to match, one priced—10c.

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Finished pin cushions covered with satin, red, yellow, pink or blue, rolls and square—those that were 50c for—25c; the 55c for 43c; the \$1.00 for 50c; the \$1.50 for 75c; the \$2.00 for \$1.00; the \$2.25 for \$1.13; the \$2.50 for—\$1.25.

Lawn pillow shams neatly made with one or two rows of insertion reduced from \$1.50 a pair to—\$1.00; the 70c to—50c a pair. Dresser scarfs to match, instead of 75c each—50c; the 35c for—25c.

Canvas and linen cushion tops, poster and floral signs for outlining or embroidering, formerly 65c, 75c and 85c each. Friday and Saturday one priced—40c.

Knit Garments and Some Silk Hosiery Reduced Prices.

Every size in one or other of these grades and if you want to make a lovelier present of them by embroidering, doubly attractive should this underpricing be. Women's plain black silk stockings, good kinds sold until now at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair. Friday and Saturday one priced—\$1.00.

Dozen lines of women's silk stockings in pink, blue and cardinal colors, reduced from \$1.25 a pair to—75c.

Women's fine cotton embroidered stockings, all sizes, reduced from 75c a pair to—50c. Women's union suits of fine wool, gray or white, open fronts, \$2.50 grade for—\$2.00. Women's all wool tights, knee or ankle lengths, reduced from \$2.00 to—\$1.50.

Children's heavily fleeced gray cotton shirts, drawers and pantalettes reduced from 35c each to—25c.

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Children's leggings, black broadcloth with brass buttons and velvet, in royal purple and black, sold at \$1.50, two days reduced to \$1.20 and \$1.30.
Boys' dull finished rubber boots, excellent quality, heavy, in sizes 2½ to 5, reduced from \$2.75 to \$2.00.

Women's rubber boots, light weight, fleece lined, sizes 2 to 7, reduced from \$2.25 to—\$1.85.

Pictures and Frames.

Some panel pictures, a group of three on each, passepartout finish, reduced for Friday and Saturday from 65c each to—45c.
Fancy frames, wood with gold corners, instead of 25c each—15c.

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Hand mirrors, cloth brushes, hat brushes and military hair brushes with burnt wood backs, fancy designs and holly, reduced for Friday and Saturday from 50c each to—33c.
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